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LOYALTY SONG

To Chicago Theological Seminary.

Air: "Jingle Bells."

Comrades, gather round,
Raise your loyal song;
Sing with hearty love
In a chorus strong.
Pledging fellowship
In these golden days,
To our Alma Mater dear
We would render praise.
Chorus—

Loyal men of old
Laid foundations here,
Gave their gifts of love
High her walls to rear.
Masters sought the truth,
Teachers wrought with power,
Loyal sons to furnish forth
With a priceless dower.
Chorus—

Here again today
Gathered in her halls,
We would seek the truth,
Go where duty calls,
Learn to serve the age,
Give of all we gain,
Till the glorious day shall come
When our King shall reign.
Chorus—

CHORUS:
C. T. S.! C. T. S.!
Loyal sons and free
Sing their song glad and strong,
Bring their thanks to thee.
C. T. S.! C. T. S.!
Once again we sing,
Laud thy name, praise thy fame,
Make the echoes ring.

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THE FAITH THAT IS IN US.

Chicago Seminary A Logical Proposition.

There might be debate on the question as to the location of certain Congregational Seminaries. There can be no such question regarding the location of Chicago Seminary. It is at the central point of the Middle West. A theological Seminary at the heart of the Middle West is a logical necessity. It ought to be here. If it ought to be here, then it ought to be adequately supported by men and money and students from the Congregational Churches of the Middle West. If it ought to be supported, it will be supported. Our faith in the future rests upon the inevitable logic of the situation.

Our Unique Relation to the Churches.

Chicago Seminary was created by the churches through their state associations; it is responsible directly to the churches through its Board of Directors; it always has derived a large part of its annual income from gifts made by individuals and churches to its current expenses, and it must continue to do so. This is the unique privilege and responsibility of Chicago Seminary. With it comes a certain privilege of leadership in the denominational life of the Middle West which ought to be accepted and made real. We do not mean a leadership of authority or any assumed superior knowledge on the part of the Seminary; we mean rather the leader-

ship of service and the influence that is derived from being ready to offer all that we have for the welfare of the ministers and the churches. In our Congregationalism any person or institution who assumes for himself any peculiar prerogative by virtue of his office shows immediately that he has not grasped the genius of our church order. The natural leadership which is consistent with our democracy is that which is based upon preparation to serve and readiness to impart whatever gifts are in hand. To such leadership Chicago Seminary stands pledged. It is the servant of the churches with that which is highest in our common life, and it will know no rivalry with other institutions except the generous rivalry of desiring to be of great service to the churches.

Drop In. To all the friends of the Seminary we give a most hearty invitation to drop in on us when you are visiting Chicago. The new street number is 20 North Ashland Boulevard, which means Fisk Hall, formerly number 81. Chicago is divided into north and south districts by Madison street. The Seminary is in the first block north of Madison, on Ashland; practically two miles west of the Loop. Take a Madison street surface car and you are left only half a dozen numbers from the Seminary building; take an Oak Park Elevated and get off at Ashland—the beautiful spire of Union Park Church is in sight, walk straight down to it, and continue to Fisk Hall, on the corner of Warren Avenue; or take a Metropolitan Elevated, Humboldt Park, or Logan Square train, leave at Madison and walk east a block and a half to Ashland. President Davis' office is off the east hall of the first floor. Miss Colman, in the general office, is ready to welcome friends of the Seminary and to give directions. Alumni are familiar with these items, but we put them in to remind our friends how easy it is to drop in at the Seminary.

The Living Endowment. *What is it?* It is an annual income for current expenses of the Seminary from churches and individuals equivalent to the interest at 5% on two hundred thousand dollars, that is *Ten Thousand Dollars Annually from Living Donors for Current Expenses.* This sum must be secured in order to maintain the work that we now have in hand. It will not permit anything in the way of new work, or general extension of service. If you want to know how we are giving value received for this personal interest on the part of the churches, read the account of the Extension Work already inaugurated and also the story of President Davis' service to the churches during the last few months, as they are told in the last pages of this News Letter. The amount needed will be no burden to the churches of the Middle West if we will all co-operate to make the Seminary a source of strength not only in training students but also in fostering the moral and spiritual life of our large constituency. We are confident that the churches will co-operate gladly in this larger service, on which the Seminary is entering, when they catch its significance for our common work.

The Seminary and the Apportionment Plan. The Seminary is heartily interested in the success of the Apportionment Plan and loyal to it. The President has borne a part in the effort to inaugurate the movement in the churches of the Chicago Association. We are anxiously concerned in a practical way, because the Seminary must be on the benevolent budget of the churches. And yet it is not among the societies whose percentages have been handed down by the Advisory Committee of the National Council. Therefore it is necessary for the Seminary to come before every church with its plea for recommendation in the systematic

benevolence of the year. Although the Seminary was not included by the Illinois Association in the budget of benevolences recommended to the churches, those who have charge of the Apportionment Plan in the churches of the Chicago Association have unanimously recommended that the Seminary be recognized and the churches are accepting the recommendation. This example of the churches of the Chicago Association if followed generally throughout the constituency of the Seminary would soon bring us into the possession of an adequate income to meet our current expenses. As you vote on the Apportionment Plan, will you not give the Seminary a place among the budgets of benevolences?

The Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee has changed considerably during the last two years. There are but few members remaining from the former time. The names of the Committee are as follows: Messrs. Henry H. Hilton, David Fales, C. S. Pellet, M. A. Myers, John R. Montgomery, Samuel E. Knecht, Rev. Frank N. White, D.D. and Rev. O. C. Helming. Of the new members, Mr. Hilton, the Chairman, is one of the firm of Ginn & Co., Mr. Myers is Vice-President of the Cable-Nelson Piano Company, Mr. Knecht is Secretary of the State Bank of Chicago and Mr. Pellet is a member of the firm of Critchell, Miller, Whitney and Barbour, Insurance Agents. Messrs. Fales and Montgomery are attorneys. The ministerial members of the Committee, Dr. White of Union Park Church and Mr. Helming of the University Church, are well-known to our constituency.

THE ALUMNI SECTION.

Alumni Round-Ups.

It was a great evening around the table and afterward at the State Association in Appleton, Wisconsin, last October. It set the example for Chicago alumni at all kinds of state and district meetings. Round-up! There's the noon hour for lunch together; or a fellowship meeting can be arranged for sometime between the sessions. It sounds good from the platform, too:

Chicago Seminary Alumni will meet, and so forth.

Put it "will meet"; not "are requested and urged to meet." The announcement ought to be enough to make the positive auxiliary "will" in order, without requesting or urging. Then exchange stories, get acquainted, and ask each other these questions: Have you sent a man from your church to the Seminary, to train for the ministry? Are you making your place good by picking a boy for the biggest work in the world? Have you put the Seminary on your benevolent budget this year? . . . . Be sure of that last question. Then send on a word of cheer to us at home.

Round-up, Alumni!

A More Excellent Way.

One of President Davis' stories defines an optimist as a man who can make good lemonade out of the lemons which are handed him.

An alumnus shows "a more excellent way" by writing the following letter.

March 19, 1910.

Permit me to write a little note of appreciation of Chicago Theological Seminary.

I have found the principles taught in the Seminary of the

utmost practical value in work in the field. Without the training peculiar to the Chicago Seminary I feel that my work would be barren, for all the success that has come to my pastorate I owe to the broad, eternal principles of Christian service which Chicago Theological Seminary has developed, in which she stills holds a pre-eminent place among the seminaries of the country. Very sincerely yours,

. . . . . .

The New England Corner. Do you know that we have an influential group of alumni among the ministers way back East in New England? Graduates from the Foreign Institutes are holding the fort against the incoming army of immigrants and are doing a large work in fitting them for their service in a new country. Others of our alumni are holding important positions as National Secretaries and as ministers in leading churches. Among the more recent graduates we may mention the names of Rollins, Winchester, Guild, Drew, and Potter.

What is better, the New England Alumni have organized and are proving their loyalty to the Seminary by the enthusiasm with which they have come together. Rev. Edward P. Drew of Worcester is President, Rev. Thomas G. Langdale of Tewksbury is Secretary. The object of the Association, as set forth in the following Constitution, is,—

1. To promote Christian fellowship among its members.

2. To secure and maintain an interest on the part of the Congregational churches of New England in the contribution of the Seminary to their work, and on these grounds to seek their co-operation in its support.

3. To present the claims of the Christian ministry to the young men of our churches, and call to their attention the

advantages offered by the Seminary in preparation for the same.

A News Letter has been sent on from the Seminary. The following extracts from replies to it are significant:

".....This letter from Dr. Davis is just what we want. *By all means* let us have one every month or so. It cannot fail to stimulate interest among our New England Alumni. We hope in some direct way it will help our Seminary. We have reason to be profoundly thankful for such a man as Dr. Davis at the head of things there."

EDWARD P. DREW,
Worcester, Mass. Pres. New England Alumni Assn.

".....I declare it as my unhesitating belief that Chicago Theological Seminary has today the one grand opportunity of all our seminaries to enter into the affections and the trust and the service of our church....."
Plymouth, Mass. THOMAS D. MCLEAN.

".....I am sure we all rejoice in the strong grip with which Dr. Davis has taken hold of the Chicago situation. We bid him God speed, and all of us whose work is here in New England will I am sure be glad that as worthy a son of New England and of her institutions has come to so large a place of service in 'Our Beloved Seminary.' I like President Fisk's old phrase. It somehow fits the place as I knew it in '98....."
Hartford, Conn. R. H. POTTER.

".....This message from our President with greetings from Seminary men is splendid. The new day is coming and New England will rejoice in it.....There is being raised up a body of men in the Middle West who are catching the spirit of the generous New Englanders and will keep the Seminary going.....Our best plea is that there is a steady

trend of Western men toward the East, and the East must help in their education....."

Boston, Mass. ROY B. GUILD.

".....I am mighty glad that we have a man like Dr. Davis at the head of things. He has the evangelical point of view and also the pastor's conception of the ministry.....Every son of Chicago Seminary can keep an eye out for large individual gifts or bequests and for students. Let us look for and pray for some large things for Chicago Seminary, for she deserves them....."

Springfied, Mass. G. S. ROLLINS.

".....This idea of the President sending a letter to the New England Alumni is splendid. We men here are at some distance from our theological home and we need something like this....."

Essex Junction, Vt. C. C. ADAMS.

".....Glad to see these letters—the first thing of the kind that has come to me since the Seminary days. I am *interested* and with you in every good and sensible endeavor....."

Malden, Mass. N. W. HANKEMEYER.

Our Alumni Among the Secretaries.

Three alumni have been recently called to positions of responsibility as secretaries. Rev. B. S. Winchester, '95, has gone to Boston as Editorial Secretary for the Sunday School and Publishing Society. Dr. Winchester was chairman of the Executive Committee of the Seminary and gave his time and good judgment to its great profit. It is an honor to us to have him occupy this new position of responsibility. The Seminary follows him with all confidence into his new work. Rev. Arthur H. Armstrong, '94, is just taking up his work as Secretary of the Missouri Congregational Home Missionary Society. His address is 3610 Delmar Blvd., St. Louis, Mo.

His long experience in assisting his father, Dr. Armstrong, Supt. of the Chicago City Missionary Society, will be a large asset in his new work. Rev. Wm. H. Hopkins, '95, who has been a prominent force in Colorado Congregationalism for the last ten years, has recently resigned his pastorate and will give his whole time to the superintendency of our Home Missionary work in that state.

THE STUDENT LIFE.

Comradeship and Loyalty.

Every school or college serves the needs of its members not only by the instruction given in the classroom, but through the student fellowship and the comradeship between teachers and pupils. Every seminary graduate in looking back recalls the student life, with keenest feelings. Although Chicago Seminary has no common dining-room, it does have in Fisk Hall a beautiful dormitory and center for its social life. This year there has been a distinct gain in the loyalty and fellowship of the students. They have shown this first of all, in the way in which they have met the crippling which our work has suffered from death and illness within the faculty. No finer example of loyalty could be given than the devotion with which the students have accepted necessary changes in the curriculum and have been obliged to suffer the postponement of certain courses. As one of the men recently said, "The Seminary is having a hard experience, but we are glad to stand by and go with it into better days." The Faculty and Directors appreciate this loyalty of the student body.

The life in Fisk Hall also has shown a marked gain in the matter of comradeship among the men.

Two new features have been introduced this year tending to promote the finer fellowship in Fisk Hall.

First, morning prayers are held for ten minutes in the parlor every morning before eight o'clock. Here in a perfectly informal service the students gather to start the day right.

Also, the parlor has been thrown open and made a center for student fellowship. College banners have been hung on the walls and the men use the parlor in the early evening and throughout the day more or less. It has been impossible to do very much in the way of social gatherings. The President has met any students who would come in for a half-hour several times, reading or discussing some matter of common interest. Next year we hope that this can be done more frequently. The Loyalty Song is often sung by the students as they gather around the piano in the parlor of Fisk Hall.

The Theological Club. This Club has been revived and vigorous discussions have been held by the men. This is entirely a students' society and they manage their own affairs. At the first meeting of the year a review of its history was given by one of the members. President Davis spoke of the need in the Seminary life of those things for which the Club is organized. Others discussed its possibilities and opportunities. Professor Ferris led one evening in a discussion of socialism. On another evening the attitude of modern science toward miracles was the theme. The Club has endeavored to combine intellectual stimulus and sociability.

The Seminary's Y. M. C. A. All the students belong to this organization. It assumes responsibility for most of the social and religious activities of the student body. The usual reception to new students was given at the beginning of the year. The reading-room committee has supplied daily and weekly periodicals for the reading-room, in addition to those furnished by the library. The Mission Study

committee has held one enthusiastic rally and throughout the year has stimulated and directed the missionary interest of the students. Seven delegates were sent to the Student Volunteer Convention at Rochester. A visit from Dr. Zwemer was one of the missionary features of the year. The devotional committee has conducted the monthly Thursday afternoon prayer meeting and also conducted "Family Prayers" each morning in the parlor of Fisk Hall. The Association has kept in touch with the great work of the Y. M. C. A. among the colleges of the state and of the country at large.

The Banquet of the Seminaries. It was Chicago's turn this year to arrange for the Inter-Seminary Banquet which was held at Union Park Church on Thursday evening, March third. The students of the Seminary arranged the details with great skill and the occasion passed off most happily. President Davis was the toast-master, Professor Taylor gave the address of welcome, and Mr. Carl H. Veazie was the student representative, speaking on the subject, "The Minister's Training for Religious Education."

Fellowship Assignments. Two fellowships will be assigned this year on the Ford Foundation. The first, to a member of the senior class, will be given to Mr. Arthur Pearsons Scott. A lapsed fellowship on the same foundation will be given to Rev. Augustine Jones of Oak Park.

AMONG THE FACULTY.

Recent Additions. Benjamin Willard Robinson has served this year as instructor in the departments of History and New Testament. During the coming year he will be Assistant Professor of Biblical Languages. Dr. Robinson has won a strong place in the affections of the

students both as a teacher and as a friend, and his continuance here will strengthen the teaching force in every way. Dr. Robinson has his Bachelor's degree from the University of Chicago. He has done graduate work at Chicago University, Union Theological Seminary, and Columbia University, in this country, and at Heidelburg, Marburg, and Berlin, in Germany. He has the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from both Chicago and Columbia Universities. During the year 1907-08 he was a Fellow of the American School in Jerusalem. He has travelled extensively in Europe, in the Bible lands of Asia, and in Egypt. He returned to this country in August of 1909. Since then he has been engaged as teacher in our Seminary.

Henry Hammersley Walker has accepted his election to the Chair of Church History, to succeed Professor Scott. Dr. Walker was born and brought up in Michigan and received his general education in its public schools and in its university. He graduated from Andover Seminary in 1896, and spent two years in foreign study on its fellowship. He received his Doctor's degree in the University of Halle-Wittenberg, in the department of Church History, in 1898. He has had the one pastorate of twelve years in Boulder, Colo. He has done a large work there in building up the financial

and religious life of the church and he has won for himself a leading place in the denominational life of that state. He comes to the Seminary to take up his work next autumn well equipped both as a minister and as a student.

Frank Gibson Ward has already begun his duties in the Chair recently established and entitled Extension Professorship of Religious Education. Dr. Ward is a native of Vermont, where he received his early education. He is a graduate of Chicago Seminary in the class of 1894, and had three years of study in the University of Halle-Wittenberg where he received his Doctor's degree in the department of National Economy. He was closely associated with Dr. Walker during his years of foreign residence. Dr. Ward has had twelve years of experience as a pastor in Kansas and in Michigan.

The Alden Lectures on Missions.

The Alden Lectures this year were given by Rev. George E. White, D.D., a graduate of the Seminary, who also, as Samuel Ives Curtiss Fellow, has been lecturing on Comparative Religion. While the title of the lectures was the same as the course given by Dr. J. L. Barton, Dr. White's treatment of his theme was original and he was able to furnish an abundance of interesting and picturesque illustration from his experience on the field. It has been a great privilege for the Seminary to have Dr. White's services this year. All he has done has borne the mark of his high scholarship, and

has been full of interest owing to his practical work as Dean of Anatolia College.

Rev. Dr. Rockwell Harmon Potter of Hartford, Conn., a graduate of the Seminary in the class of 1898, will be Alden Lecturer for the year 1910-11. His subject is not yet announced, but will probably be concerned with some phase of home missionary policy.

The Faculties' Union. The Faculties' Union, composed of the faculties of theological seminaries in Chicago, held their annual meeting December third. This event draws together the men who are teaching in the various seminaries and is a valuable means for cultivating the common life of the theological seminaries in and around Chicago.

Dr. Gunsaulus on Preaching. The Seminary is enjoying the rare privilege during the third period, of lectures in preaching by Dr. Gunsaulus, who gives this service to the Seminary without remuneration as a concrete expression of his interest in the institution and his loyalty to its work. The thanks of the student body are due to him for the way in which he brings them practical and personal inspiration for their ministry.

The Faculty Publications. Now and then there comes up an expression of regret that the old publication known as the Quarterly should have gone out of existence. This contribution of members of the Faculty to the literature of their respective departments was a very valuable feature among current magazines in the theological world. Would the alumni and friends of the Seminary support a publication of similar character if it were to be revived?

We point with particular pride to the large part which Pro-

fessor Beckwith is having in the publication of the revised Schaff-Herzog Encyclopedia, as Editor of the Department of Systematic Theology. He is not only making large contributions to the subject-matter from his own pen, but is also influential in his editorial counsel. Professor Beckwith bore a part in a recent symposium in the Congregationalist on the matter of miracles.

He is represented by a sermon in the new series of "Modern Sermons by World Scholars" published by Funk & Wagnalls Co. The sermon, "Strength from the Invisible," is in the first volume.

President Davis also has a sermon in the same collection.

EXTENSION WORK.

Pertinent Questions by Some Seniors.

It was during the luncheon hour in a Madison Street restaurant that one of the seniors raised the question recently "How can the minister out on his small field in the West keep on growing?" It is a real problem, for the minister of today must be busy with all sorts of things. The temptation is strong to leave but little time to cultivate the scholar's grasp and outlook. Before he is aware of it he has been distanced in his thinking. And a starved mind means a weakened soul. In the thought of such conditions he craves in advance the stimulus of the larger fellowship which has been his. Perhaps this is one of the reasons why students like to stay near the city and why the isolated pastor wants to get back to it.

This suggests the fact that the Seminary has a mission not only to the student body, but also to the ministry as a whole. This is particularly true of Chicago Seminary, which is the child of the churches and which in turn looks out upon the states of the Middle West as in a certain sense a part of its

parish. The demand is growing that the stimulus of the center be taken out to the fields that are removed from such inspiration. From the sheep-ranches of the far West, the shepherds go out with their flocks and their camp-wagons to the ranges lying far from the central station. There they stay week in and week out. But every few days the supply wagon comes round to give them cheer and to furnish them the necessities of life. In some such way the call is laid upon the Seminary, by various extension methods to go out to just such stations as the queries of the senior suggested, to keep them in touch with the larger life of the church and to inspire the churches in such places with the fact that they are in the fellowship of the great company of men who are working together and whose success is bound to depend upon the degree to which they master their problem. The Seminary is feeling its way to find practical methods by which a helpful service may be rendered to the churches and ministers of their constituency.

Correspondence Courses and Evening Lectures. The Correspondence School of the Seminary, inaugurated in new and enlarged form last autumn, is no longer an experiment. It has proved its usefulness. Forty-two lessons each week are sent out by professors through the Registrar's office and every week forty-two sets of answers are sent back for correction. It keeps the Assistant Registrar busy to look after these, but the letters of appreciation which come from correspondence students show the value of the work being done. It means a great deal to the minister who is out on the field, whether he has had the Seminary training or whether he is trying to supplement a lack of such opportunities. Dr. B. W. Robinson has charge of this department and he will welcome any inquiries of those who are interested in taking up this work.

A more direct service than that of the Correspondence School has been inaugurated for the benefit of ministers in and around Chicago. President Davis is carrying two courses on Thursday evenings; the first is a practical instruction in preaching with criticisms, the second a discussion of parish problems, particularly in their relation to city life. Extracts from two letters of appreciation illustrate their helpfulness. One minister writes:

"I stayed up until one A. M. and also spent a couple of hours this morning, endeavoring to re-frame my sermon. I can see great improvement in my manuscript. * * * Your kind criticism has aided me greatly. I appreciate most highly your labors with us."

Here is a part of another letter:

"I am conscious that I express the feelings of all of the younger men of the Chicago Association when I write this personal note of appreciation. * * * It gives fresh courage to us fellows who have the little fields and are called to preach the Gospel, to know we have a big brother in you. Perhaps a word of gratitude and appreciation may be as a tonic. I know I am writing the sentiment of all the fellows in the class."

It is hoped that more in the way of local extension work may be carried on next year. The illness of Professor Harper has made it impossible for him to carry out at the present time his plans in this direction.

Institutes and Retreats.

The Seminary is not confining its personal contact in extension work to evening classes for ministers in the vicinity of Chicago alone. President Davis' story of his travels will give a glimpse of the approach he is having to ministers and churches throughout the length and breadth of the Seminary's territory. Two Institutes may be mentioned as illustrating the kind of service that is being rendered. An all-day's session was held at Fargo, North Dakota, on Monday, February 14th. The ministers of the various denominations in town were present and the Congregational Churches from Fargo, Sanborn, Hillsboro, James-

town and Amenia, North Dakota, and Ada and Crookston, Minnesota, were represented. President Davis conducted all the sessions except the devotional services, with the following program: An address on the "Principles of Bible Study for Ministers," followed by an illustration of these principles by studies in the Epistle of John; addresses on "The Central Aim of the Ministry," and "Parish Problems and How to Meet Them." These addresses were followed by informal discussions on books and problems, and the Institute closed with a question-box.

A more elaborate institute, covering four days, was held at Topeka, Kansas, early in February, under the joint auspices of the State Association and Washburn College Bible School. President Davis' part embraced three Bible Study addresses and a stereopticon lecture.

The Seminary is also holding occasional Retreats within its own walls. The first was an all-day meeting for the ministers of Chicago and vicinity, on January 3d. The interest manifested was very gratifying. Directly following Easter there was a Retreat under the joint auspices of the Seminary and the Scrooby Club of Chicago. More and more we believe that the Seminary can be of assistance in the higher life of the ministers and churches and we trust that it will be possible to arrange similar Retreats next year.

On account of the National Missionary Conference to be held in Chicago under the auspices of the Brotherhood, the Mid-West Congregational Congress which was recommended by the Triennial Convention will be deferred.

Books and Problems. One of the interesting features of the Fargo Institute was the informal discussion of books and reading. It showed that our ministers were reading very widely of such books as those of

C. R. Brown, Jefferson, King, Peabody, Rauschenbusch, Bowne, and Eucken. The new series edited by Dr. Vernon was highly spoken of. There was also a representation of the older classical works in literature and theology.

This leads us to suggest that in addition to serving the churches by classified correspondence courses, we may also be able to give suggestion and help in the matter of general reading. It is sometimes difficult for a minister in the hurry of his parish and pulpit work to pick out and give the proper emphasis to the additions which are being made to religious literature. Perhaps our Quarterly may be able to give an occasional issue to reviews and recommendations by the professors and by ministers who have carefully read helpful books, and who could give the benefit of their study and suggestion to the wider circle of our comradeship.

This leads to still another suggestion. As the Seminary is offering its service to the ministers, it craves also their help and their suggestions in turn. In the great field of pastoral activities, each minister is constantly finding unique situations to be met and unique problems to be solved. It is a fact which is being recognized more and more in the social progress of the time that each community is a thing by itself. It was a wise saying of some untutored philosopher that there is not much difference between folks, but the little difference amounts to a great deal. The same is true of cities and villages, and if each pastor who welcomes the larger service which the Seminary desires to render would set himself to understand and to meet the peculiar problems which his own parish and community afford, and if he then would enter into correspondence with the Seminary concerning it, he could make a positive contribution to the fund of helpfulness which the Seminary has set itself to establish.

A Swing Around the Circle.

Professor Taylor has a term that he uses frequently in relation to the Seminary; he speaks of the "forthgoing" of its representatives. The Seminary must be represented, someone has said "incarnated," in the form of a person before it will come back into the thought and love of the churches as it used to be there in the days when President Fisk spoke everywhere and always about "our beloved Seminary," until the man and the institution were interchangeable.

Professor Taylor, and other professors, have done what they could, but naturally the brunt of the traveling and the bulk of the pleasure have come to the President. The work began in our Jerusalem immediately upon his arrival almost a year ago. For the Chicago Congregational Club had made their April meeting in the interests of the Seminary where the ideals for the future were presented. The second Sunday after his arrival the pulpit of the "Old First" was open by the fraternal courtesy of Dr. Bartlett. Then came the welcome of Union Park. Then began the "forthgoing" into Illinois and into the uttermost bounds of the constituency, which, as has been remarked, "is so much bigger than Connecticut."

The week beginning May 16th, gave the Seminary opportunity at the State meetings of Illinois at La Grange and of Michigan at Muskegon. Never was warmer welcome given to a representative of any Seminary than these associations gave to us. Illinois was loyal to the core, Michigan was responsive and enthusiastic. How they make a man work! What with the state Brotherhood and all the state business, there is no rest for the visitor from abroad. Nor would one have it otherwise. It is one way of showing interest; it is a pledge of support.

June was spent chiefly in the colleges, with addresses at Knox, Wheaton, Iowa, Beloit and Doane. What a superb im-

pression of the idealism and strength of youth! Here are the schools from which a stream of men ought to be coming into the Seminaries. We have felt the challenge that the work of the ministry be worthily presented in these growing colleges of the Central West. Wisconsin was the first of the state universities to be entered. It was a quickening visit so far as every educational idea is concerned. We must get the right grip on this state university problem. We must not fail in these centers of power. Our only Congregational student pastor, Edwards, is working strongly in Madison. Later a visit was made to Michigan University at Ann Arbor for a Conference, and the privilege was also afforded of being in the pulpit of the Congregational Church. The peculiar pleasure that comes from visiting centers of learning is in the opportunity of meeting students in personal conferences.

Dedication and installation sermons in Chicago and Moline came along with the college work; the Insurance men and the Brotherhoods, the Training Schools of the Presbyterians and Methodists for women, the Chicago Ministers' Meeting, the Methodist Preachers' Meeting, and the Presbyterian Ministers' Meeting have all been addressed. One of the great privileges of the winter has been the service for a week at the union lenten services in Detroit, Michigan. These were held in the Opera House, just off the magnificent square in the very heart of the business section. Six addresses were given.

The President has been East twice; once in May to speak at the seventy-fifth anniversary of Hartford Seminary; then in October to receive the degree of Doctor of Divinity from Dartmouth College, his Alma Mater, on the occasion of the inauguration of President Nichols.

In August came the sessions of the Frankfort Assembly where Professor Harper and President Davis taught through the entire period of three weeks. It was a royal welcome that

the Assembly extended. Months afterward in another state one of the ministers spoke of the practical help that the Seminary had given him through this unique service at Frankfort. This Assembly is of great value to our denominational unity and effectiveness in the Central West.

October was a busy month. There was the State Association of Wisconsin at Appleton. It was a heartener, and the Wisconsin alumni will remember the dinner at the hotel and the meeting afterward. It was breezy with the winds of Ashland and the north. At the Brotherhood Convention in Minneapolis, later in October, President Davis preached in the First Church Sunday morning and had the "overflow" meeting at Westminster Presbyterian Church in the evening. Then came a series of talks to men's clubs and to brotherhoods in local churches near Chicago.

November was devoted to the Triennial Convention of the Seminary and to excursions for field days at St. Louis and Minneapolis. The proposition has generally shaped itself so that it was possible to preach from two to four times a Sunday, meet the ministers on Monday and speak at a Congregational Club on Monday evening. This has been true, wholly or in part, in Kansas City, Indianapolis, Cleveland, Milwaukee and Ashland, Wisconsin. Brethren, we wish we had the time for it, but we have had to say "No" right and left. Verily the individual brotherhoods would eat us up with kindness and it were a sweet ending to a strenuous career; but we cannot so surrender our mortal joys.

There is another side to the story. Twenty-four hours in a North Dakota blizzard may be made pleasant even for a New England tenderfoot if he falls into the hands of so royal a bunch as the Brotherhood of the First Church in Fargo. The new found friends have been many and our thanks to them all,—and the thanks of the Seminary for which the work has been gladly done.